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DIRECTORY

No one who has not done a similar piece of work can realize the tremendous task that has confronted our Historian in his compiling of the Directory. Brother Houser is certainly entitled to the thanks of the whole Fraternity.

We did not realize the difficulty of the task he had performed until we received the 233 pages of manuscript from him. At that moment our enthusiasm as managing editor dropped close to the zero point. But through the splendid assistance volunteered by others we managed to get the material into its present form.

Thanks are due to Secretary Warren and Brother Schacht, who gave us the benefit of their counsel in connection with obtaining bids and letting the contract. To Brother Charles L. Woodfield, of Zeta Chapter, and Director of the Chicago Typothetae School of Printing, we are especially indebted for expert opinion and advice which resulted in a large saving in printing costs. But he did not stop with that; he helped us with the proofreading. For this last-mentioned act of his we move that his statue be placed in the Hall of Fame. A. J. M.

Later.—National President Schacht and Brother F. W. Giesel of Kappa also came to our rescue on the proofreading, and we wish to include their names in the motion.

RETRENCHMENT

No doubt you are disappointed that the Directory number is not printed on as good paper as former numbers of the Phi Delta Kappan.

With the depletion in the ranks of the Active Chapters and a consequent lessened ability to meet the demands of the National Budget there came a marked increase in printing costs.

We shall continue retrenchment until the present war crisis is over. In the meantime let us be thankful that the national finances permit the continuation of the Magazine in spite of these abnormal war conditions.

A. J. M.

AN APPRECIATION

The Executive Committee herewith presents to the Fraternity its second directory. The first was a modest endeavor, befitting the youth of the organization. It contained only a few hundred names, and made no attempt to present more than a chapter index. This number of The Phi Delta Kappan, our second directory, contains almost seventeen hundred names. The 1906-1912 directory contained the names of nine chapters. The 1906-1916 directory should contain the names of twenty chapters. Two chapters are lacking. Of these, one, Northwestern, was installed too late to be included; the other chapter, I regret to say, has seemed indifferent to all appeals on the part of those desirous of having as nearly perfect a directory as possible.

In addition to the chapter index, as found in our first directory, this one also presents a geographical and an alphabetical index, a radical departure from our first attempt. This triple index should prove a great convenience in enabling any brother to find and keep in touch with any other brother.

The history of the Fraternity is one of steady progress throughout the ten years of its existence as a national organization. New chapters have been granted charters at an average rate of two each year, and this fairly represents the growth of strong education departments in the colleges and universities of the country.

If there are any imperfections in the mechanical work of the directory, they are due to no fault of its creator but to the necessity of saving money at every turn; paper is expensive, labor costs are high, postage is to be increased—all reasons for lightening the stock, decreasing the size of the type, narrowing margins, omitting leads. But we have done our best.

To the members of the Executive Committee, and to the members of the council who saw this directory in the making, any praise will be mere empty words. To all the members of the Fraternity who have not seen the directory until it appears before them in its finished form, words will also be empty, for I lack the power to make them convey to you any conception of the amount of work—dead drudgery—in the task now submitted to you for approval. We all owe to Brother David Houser a debt that will never be fully paid, because his successors to the last one will have a mark to aim at, a directory to copy, that has been made as it should be made.

In the name of our Fraternity, I wish to express our deep sense of appreciation to the three men, who more than any others, have made the success of this venture possible. First, to Brother David Houser, who spent hours, days, months of valuable time in collecting, arranging, verifying the mass of data that came to him; second, to Brother Abel J. McAllister, our efficient Managing Editor, who has brought the second year of our National Magazine to a successful close, without any reward, or any hope of reward, and has thrown himself into the work when the task seemed hopeless; and finally to Brother Charles Woodfield, who also gave generously of his time, and even more generously of his thorough knowledge of the technical side of printing the directory, help which proved of immense value in these times of high prices.

And to all those privates in the Phi Delta Kappan army, the corresponding secretaries of the chapters, who labored long and faithfully to gather the material of which directories are made, we also wish to say, Well done and Thank you.

F. W. SCHACHT,
National President.